Language Awareness for Key Stage 3

6: Parts of Speech — Part III

Activity 1:

In groups, take some time to think of any other languages that you might know. Do any of these languages have determiners that we haven't discussed? Do any of these languages have fewer determiners than in English? If so, what do they do instead?

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Activity 2:

There are some words that can function either as adverbs or as prepositions. For example, *down* in *climb down* is an adverb, because it modifies the verb on its own, but *down* in *climb down the ladder* is a preposition, because it relates a noun to the verb. Read the following passage of text; try to <u>underline</u> all the adverbs and circle all the prepositions (including the ones with just a single function).

> So the boat was left to drift down the stream as it would, till it glided gently in among the waving rushes. And then the little sleeves were carefully rolled up, and the little arms were plunged in elbow-deep to get the rushes a good long way down before breaking them off — and for a while Alice forgot all about the Sheep and the knitting, as she bent over the side of the boat, with just the ends of her tangled hair dipping into the water